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CR-103 FILED AMENDING CHAPTER 388-76 WAC

Dear Adult Family Home Provider:

The Department has filed a final Rule-Making Order (CR-103) to amend sections of Chapter 388-76 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). These changes are needed to be in compliance with newly passed legislation, Substitute House Bill 1132 and to address resident safety concerns.

A CR-103 (WSR 16-01-171) was recently filed with the Office of the Code Reviser to complete the rulemaking process. These rules will become effective January 22, 2016. The CR-103 document and permanent rules can be found on the AL TSA internet website under "AFH Rule Filings" at: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/residential-care-services/information-adult-family-home-providers>

Highlights of the changes include:

- A one-time waiver of the adult family home application fee under exceptional circumstances such as the death of a co-provider.
- Clarification about primary egress doors and required hardware. Although WAC 388-76-10715 (3) does not specify, the designated egress door hardware **only applies to homes licensed after January 1, 2016**. However, for the homes in which this does not apply, providers should ensure residents can evacuate the home without special knowledge or effort.
- Clarification about how much notice must be given when services increase or decrease.

For rule-making questions, please contact Christi Pederson, Policy Unit Manager, at (360) 725-2327.

Sincerely,

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